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EDITORIAL

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Compared with a few years ago Montreal today has every hope of regaining a cultural level which seemed to have been lost for ever. Where once Montrealers threw up their hands in despair about what each and every one of them called the "lack of interest in culture" of Canadians, we are now beginning to witness a reawakening of the spirit of enterprise of Canadian impresarios, who all of a sudden do not seem to think that there is a lack of interest in things cultural, or in other words, that there is a lot of money to be made in the concert business in Montreal.

It seems that when somebody is making money somebody else for once is also going to have a chance to profit by this fact and this summer alone stars of the Metropolitan Opera Company and many other well-known singers, pianists, conductors and dancers have appeared in noteworthy musical events here.

The summer season is traditionally the off season in Montreal, and in most cities for that matter. Even while this season showed signs of becoming a little more interesting, the thoughtless and rude actions of a few people who attend concerts for the simple and express purpose of being "seen" in the right places at the right times are threatening the continuation of events which, judging by the attendance at concerts lately, are greatly in demand by an overwhelming majority.

At last Thursday's concert in Molson Stadium, for instance, people were still finding their seats at 10 o'clock, one hour after the time scheduled for the beginning of the concert. A few chattering limelight-seekers came in as late as 10:30, evidently completely oblivious of the fact that some 15,000 others were trying very hard to hear Mr. Malcuzyński's rendition of the Chopin Second Piano Concerto.

No artist in the world likes to be treated in such a completely discourteous manner,

VETERANS' COUNSELLORS TO MEET AT U.B.C.

The first meeting of veterans' counsellors from all Canadian universities will be held at the University of British Columbia on August 5, 6, and 7, it was announced by U.B.C. President, Dr. N. A. M. MacKenzie.

Acting on the suggestion from the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the U.B.C. counselling service, Dr. MacKenzie has sent invitations to counsellors at all Canadian universities to attend the three-day conclave. Representatives from all but McMaster have indicated their intention to attend.

Object of the meeting is to review the work of the past year and to plan an expansion and improvement in the service during the coming term. Professor S. N. F. Chant, Head of the U.B.C. Counselling will act as Chairman during the conference.

"We have now amassed a good deal of knowledge and experience in this field," Professor Chant stated. "It is our intention to discuss the various methods employed and to review the effectiveness of the work done by advisory services across Canada. We hope also to encourage and achieve a uniformity in methods employed by different bureaus."

Meetings will be held in the Brock Memorial Building, and a dinner in honour of the visiting counsellors is planned for August 6th. Counsellors from Eastern Canada will be accommodated in the University's Acadia Camp.

Representative veteran students will be invited to the conference, Professor Chant stated. "We want to get their impression of what it's like to be on the receiving end of the stick."

An employer interviewing an applicant, remarked: "You ask high wages for a man with no experience." "Well," the prospect remarked, "it's so much harder work when you don't know anything about it."

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IMPRESSIONS OF A STUDENT

Having spent some time now as a student in both the day and evening division of Sir George Williams College, I would like to pass on for your approval or disapproval a few impressions and observation since my enrollment.

I believe the outstanding thing which has caught my attention is the maturity of the average student. That is something which is to be expected in the evening division where most of the students are business people who are mainly taking specialized courses in order to advance themselves in their various occupations. However, it is the full time day student to whom I am mainly referring in this case.

It would seem that the war ending has brought into the college, not a lot of light-headed youngsters, but more a group of individuals with an underlying purposeful seriousness, regardless of the most flippant exterior which many display. They are not going to college just to fill in time, or because their parents told them to go. They have an aim and an ambition and are getting down to work to fulfill it.

On the lighter side, it is impossible for anyone to resist the good-natured kibitzing and whole-hearted friendliness displayed by all. Sooner or later, even the most aloof serious-minded intellectual will find himself weakening and caught up in this infectious swirl.

Then we've all heard of "problem children" but what about these "problem professors"? The ones who gallop along at such a terrific pace that by the time we've written only half the definition of a subject and are straining our necks to see if our neighbours, by some freak of chance, have the remainder half, they have blissfully disposed of same said subject and are going into detail on the next. Perhaps shorthand should be listed as a prerequisite if we are expected to keep pace. Our professors do have one important redeeming feature, however; and that is a grand sense of humour. Let's hope it doesn't fail them (or us) around exam time.

WHY TRAFFIC DEATHS?

"TWO DEAD IN AUTO ACCIDENT" "SIX INJURED IN COLLISION." Every day we read these headlines. Every day we hear of twisted steel and broken bodies. Every day the police remark on reckless driving, as the cause of these deaths and injuries. But the question "Why Traffic Deaths?" in Quebec, has another, more accurate answer.

"CARELESS LICENSING." In two words there is the cause of Quebec's high rate of traffic deaths. And responsibility for that high rate lies with the Provincial Government. For two and a half dollars any person over twenty-one, not obviously crippled, not led by a Seeing Eye dog or carrying an ear trumpet, can obtain a driving license. There is no more formality to it than buying a fishing license. You walk in, plank down your cash, sign your name and presto!.....you are a full-fledged driver.....licensed to kill. Apparently the Government's responsibility ends when it collects the fee.

What kind of Government is one which goes about licensing in such a lackadaisical manner? How can a government be a government when it shows no more sense of responsibility to its citizens? We cannot answer this question. At least, we can't answer it and avoid a libel suit. But we can and will make a suggestion to try and cut down the horribly high number of auto accidents.

We ask all sane and physically fit drivers to use the utmost caution when there are other drivers about. We ask them to remember that the other drivers may be licensed but some of them are half blind, some are stone deaf, some are morons or mental deficient and some are plain throttle happy fools. But they are licensed and have as much legal right to the road as any person in this Province. That is the way the Provincial Government sees it, anyway.

What did you say?
I don't know. I wasn't listening.

McGill to Honour "Monty"

According to usually well-informed circles and in keeping with the custom of the times, Britain's puritanical war leader (if we were to believe Ralph Ingersoll) wry-faced, Bible-quoting, Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery will be awarded an honorary degree this coming August 28 when McGill will hold a special convocation in his honour.

There will probably be a special investiture for ex-service personnel at the same time, as was the case when Montgomery's ex-boss, Governor General Alexander, visited the campus last May.

Montgomery is perhaps one of the more popular men with this campus due to his chance remark to the effect that he had never heard of the University of Toronto. The pride of the Queen City were very much put out over this prestige-shattering statement and promptly invited pontificating General Eisenhower to officiate at their own convocation. Their prestige restored, they are still awaiting the news of Monty's visit to the university on the Mount.

The Field Marshal was recently appointed Chief of the Imperial General Staff in recognition of his status as Britain's "most successful general." During the invasion, he headed the crack 21st Army Group, which included many Canadian units. Prior to D-day, he hunted down the Desert Fox, Rommel, in the dusty terrain of North Africa, and also led the eighth Army in the invasions of Sicily and Italy.

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and we feel sure that unless a stop is put to such behaviour many a fine artist will simply refuse to perform in Montreal in the future.

If this ever happens, Montreal music lovers, and there are many of them, will have to take the loss because nightclubs seem to have ceased to be the only "right" place to be seen these days.

Not very long ago one visiting artist quite clearly voiced his disgust with Montreal concert manners and thereby brought about a temporary improvement. Many will remember the times when Sir Thomas Beecham interrupted both a symphony concert and an opera performance to turn to the audience and tell them how to behave.

The result of Sir Thomas' outbursts was the revival of the time-honoured practice of closing the theatre doors to late-comers until the first intermission in the concert. Promptly audiences arrived on time.

It is to be hoped that the unpleasant experience of those who wanted to hear the music at last Thursday's concert will prompt Montreal concert managements to bring some order to this mounting confusion.

REVIEW

This isn't really a review but rather extracts from a small novel entitled "Dear Sir" by Juliet Lowell. The book consists of a collection of letters received by war plants, draft boards, Federal and State agencies in the U.S.A.

The author says that they are all authentic with only certain names omitted or altered.

State Selective Service
333 West 2nd Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Who has my number? I have insulted my local board and gotten very little information.

Yours truly,
Manfred U.....

U.S.O.
San Diego.

Dear Sirs:

I hear that you are looking for a pianist or violinist male or female. Being both I offer you my services.

Francis K.....

Standard Parachute Co.,
371-8th Ave.,
San Diego.

Dear Sirs:

There's a good deal of fuss, and rightly so, about attractive young women coming to work in slacks and sweaters, because this detracts the men's attention from their work. But now I think some of you officials are going too far when you say you want the girls to come to work without sweaters and slacks. This will not only be much worse on the men, but most of the girls will probably catch pneumonia.

Matilda G.....

Miss Dorothy Dix,
The Daily Mirror,
235 E. 45th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Dix:

My husband is being released from service next week and he has a good defense job waiting for him. Now I have two children and would like to have another but I read that every third baby born into the world is Chinese so I don't think I'd better take a chance, do you?

Mrs. Mark R.....

The Sir George Williams Soft Ball team plays Dawson College tonight for the Inter-Collegiate Championship. The league score as it now stands is: Dawson 5
Sir George Williams 5 McGill 2

DANCE

DOUBLE FEATURE

SPLASH PARTY

The angular position of these sentences is not intentional. We knew it would happen, so we're trying to straighten things up verbally.

Some people are colour blind, while others wear glasses, and then there are those who are geometrically blind, like this writer, who can't see straight, or looks at every-thing at an angle....angular point of view, or maybe he was born with his head slightly tilted.

Anyways, what we've said so far, is of no significance, except that in a copy-writer's parlance, we're trying to divert you from whatever you're thinking or doing.

On Wednesday, August 11th, our college is having a DANCE...from 7.30 - 10.15...in Budge Hall...followed by a SPLASH in the pool!!! Just think...dancing to continuous music with all your favourite orchestras...cookes for that 'pause that refreshes'...then a cool dip in the pool...girls screaming...boys whistling. Ah!....what a wonderful time we'll have!!!

If you don't bring yourself there won't be a dance.....if you don't bring a bathing suit, you can't swim. So don't forget to bring everything required....your friends too.

Rumour has it that we'll all meet after the swim at Dirty's...on the balcony...away from the common herd.

We'll be seeing you at BUDGE HALL in the CENTRAL "Y" at 7.30 pm Wednesday, August 11th.

And, by the way,

ADMISSION

is only

50¢ per couple.

